

ABSTRACT

A pogo stick includes (a) a handle, (b) a bellows extending from the handle, (c) a helical spring disposed within, and coupled to, the bellows to become constrained when the bellows is constrained, (d) an actuator disposed within the helical turns of the spring, (e) a platform disposed on the actuator for supporting a user standing on the platform and (f) a at the bottom of the actuator. When the bellows and the spring are constrained, the release of the constraint causes the pogo stick to hop on a support surface. Training members made from a resilient material and disposed at opposite ends of the platform are coupled to the platform at intermediate positions along their length. The training members are disposed in the direction that the user is facing when he stands on the platform. The training members extend outwardly and downwardly from the platform to a support surface to provide a support on the support surface at four (4) spaced positions. The outward direction of the training members at their opposite ends is enhanced by a flattening of the training members when the pogo stick is actuated to provide a hopping movement of the pogo stick. The training members provide a balance to the pogo stick in the manner of trainer wheels on a bicycle. In this way, a young child can learn to operate a pogo stick properly and safely. The training members can then be removed from the pogo stick.

This invention relates to pogo sticks and, more particularly, to pogo sticks for young children. Even more particularly, the invention relates to pogo sticks with training members which are applied to the pogo sticks when young children are learning how to operate the pogo sticks and which are removed from the pogo sticks after the young children have learned how to operate the pogo sticks.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION